REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants traverse the Examiner's objections to the abstract and the specification and submit herewith amended claims, a new abstract, a substitute specification, and amended figures. The amended claims and the substitute specification include no new matter.

The drawings have been amended to be more clear in light of the substitute specification and the amended claims. The replacement drawing sheets are identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" and include all of the figures appearing on the originally filed drawing sheets.

Applicants submit that the abstract, drawings, and the specification are in acceptable form and respectfully requests notice to this effect.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests a notice of allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAWING FIGURES

Please see Appendix A for the replacement drawing sheets.